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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with DIA Representatives Concerning DIA Building Plans

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1. [] Comptroller, DIA, and []
[] Engineering Services Branch, Logistical Services Division, DIA,
came to discuss the above subject on 20 May 1970. []
DD/L, was also present.

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2. [] opened the conversation by referring to DIA's long standing desires and plans for construction of a headquarters building and the blockage of this building at Arlington Hall Station. He indicated that, in their latest Hearing with the House Subcommittee on Military Construction (the Chairman is Congressman Robert Sikes (D. - Fla.) but he was not present at this session), Committee members (Mr. Elliott identified Congressman John J. McFall (D. - Cal.) and Mr. Charles R. Jonas (R. - N. C.)) recommended that DIA find a site other than Arlington Hall Station and specifically pointed to the BPR area, Langley. [] offered to provide us copies of pertinent pages of the Hearing transcript.) [] confirmed that DIA at this time has neither authorization nor money for its building; it previously had authorization but the building was never funded. DIA included a statement of a need for the building in its current presentation to Congress. DIA intends to put the building into its Fiscal '72 budget — DIA is looking for approximately 100 acres to house 4,000 people. DIA still prefers Arlington Hall Station but its next preference would be BPR for reasons of convenience to personnel and also for operational convenience in reducing liaison travel time to and from CIA Headquarters. DIA feels that with this Congressional move it has no alternative but to pursue the BPR idea even though it might ultimately have to tell the Committee members that such a proposal is not feasible. [] also said that the Committee members indicated that, with individual Committee men on CIA and Transportation Committees, the Military Construction Subcommittee could exercise some influence in these other organizations.

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3. [] noted continuing discussions with Messrs. Bozarth and Hromanik of National Capital Planning Commission which most recently led to the Commission's suggestion that detailed information should be

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developed on CIA, BPR, and DIA plans (personnel and/or vehicles) for this area so that the impact on roads and other facilities could be assessed. It was noted that the last formal study was made in 1963.

4. I acknowledged that given the Congressional push DIA had no alternative but to produce a response. I expressed surprise at the Commission's suggestion and indicated that it seemed more sensible for the Commission itself to take the lead rather than look to DIA to act as a broker for all departments and agencies. I pointed out that the Agency had extensive plans for bringing its now separated personnel to the headquarters area and that these plans ideally would contemplate use of additional BPR land. I also noted that a relatively recent new major worry had surfaced with the publication of Washington's subway plans and their anticipated unacceptable effect on [] — I noted that, in fact, the necessity to deal with [] might well, in time, take precedence over our other "campus" planning. I noted that our Director had agreed, as a necessary action some time back, with the establishment of a Building planning group and that, despite the general executive department construction ban, we were nonetheless pressing ahead with development of plans. Finally, I told the visitors that I would discuss their visit with Mr. Bannerman, particularly the new factor of Congressional suggestion that DIA should look in our direction. I also indicated that we would be in touch with the Commission and, subsequently, with them.

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5. I had two discussions with [] OLC. He had learned that no DIA building was included in this year's Military Construction Bill. He also confirmed that there would be a tie-in on transportation and the Agency through Congressman Minshall (R. - Ohio), who is on the Transportation Subcommittee, and Representative Bow (R. - Ohio), who is on our Committee.

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